



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 335
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**MODIFIED GUIDELINES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND
THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF COTABATO IN THE MIDST
OF THE THREAT OF COVID-19**

WHEREAS, in view of the declaration of the President of a National State of Calamity so as to prevent the further spread of the virulent COVID-19 and enjoining all government agencies and local government units to render full assistance and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake appropriate measures to fight and eliminate the threat of COVID-19, the City Government of Cotabato finds it necessary to modify existing guidelines, including the imposition of general community quarantine and conduct of community-wide disinfection.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. FRANCES CYNTHIA J. GUIANI - SAYADI, Mayor of the City of Cotabato, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by law, do hereby prescribe the modification of the guidelines for the general public and the City Government of Cotabato in the midst of the threat of COVID-19, including the conduct of a massive community-wide disinfection, and order the following:

SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- a. General Community Quarantine – where movement of people shall be limited to accessing basic necessities and work.
- b. Essential travel – shall be limited to travels by reason of transport of basic necessities, for work, medical emergencies and government functions.
- c. Social Distancing – individuals to maintain at least one meter distance between and among other attendees or during social interactions.
- d. Immediate Family – shall include relatives within the second degree of consanguinity.
- e. Basic Needs – those pertaining to basic sustenance and survival of life.
- f. Contained area – territorial jurisdiction of the Barangay Government.

SECTION 2. GENERAL BARANGAY COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.

1. The barangays should restrict the non-essential entry and exit of people to the contained area, especially those persons who are at high risk of being infected i.e., those sixty (60) years old and above, those who are immunocompromised or with co-morbidities, and pregnant women, except:

- (a) Health workers
- (b) Authorized government officials
- (c) Those travelling for medical and humanitarian reasons
- (d) Persons transiting to airport for travel
- (e) Persons providing basic services and public utilities
- (f) Essential skeletal workforce

2. The following shall be allowed to travel within the city with no restrictions as to the time:

- Medical workers in the performance of official functions:
 - Officials and staff of the City Health Office and Department of Health
 - Health workers and other frontline services, and other hospital staff
 - All vehicles bearing the Red Cross logo
 - Medical and Dental Professionals
- Emergency Responders
 - City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center
 - Bureau of Fire
 - Office on Social Welfare and Development Services (OSWDS) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
 - Barangay Health and Emergency Response Teams
 - City and Barangay officials, including Barangay Tanods
- Security Services
 - Philippine National Police (in uniform)
 - Armed Forces of the Philippines (in uniform)
 - Philippine Coast Guard (in uniform)
 - Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (in uniform)
 - National Bureau of Investigation
 - Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency
 - Other law enforcement agencies as may be necessary
 - Company Security Officers and Security Guards
- Daily Essentials
 - Financial institutions, including money transfer and remittance centers
 - Bank armored vehicle crew
 - Groceries/Convenience Store employees
 - Legitimate public market vendors
 - Pharmacies/drug store employees
 - Food chain/restaurants staff and crew
 - Philippine Post and other cargo and courier services
 - Delivery of food, medical supplies and agricultural products
 - DOLE skeletal force
- Utilities and Services
 - Metro Cotabato Water District
 - Cotabato Lights and Power Company, including their contractors
 - Telecommunication Companies
 - Garbage collectors
 - Street sweepers

- Funeral Services
 - Immediate family members (maximum of 10 persons)
 - Religious leaders
 - Funeral parlor crew
- Other Authorized Persons and Essential Government Workers with written authorization and proof of identity.

3. Commercial establishments are still open to the public but must implement certain measures like social distancing, provide alcohol or hand sanitizers for customers, and check their temperature with thermal scanners before being allowed entry. They have the right to deny entry of customers who have high body temperature. Business establishments are advised to close not later than 8 o'clock in the evening, except drug stores and grocery stores.
4. Media Practitioners. Legitimate media personnel living outside Cotabato City will be allowed entry into the city for coverage purposes provided that they undergo thermal scanning at the checkpoints and abide by the guidelines provided by the City Government of Cotabato.
5. Delivery trucks and vans of goods and other basic commodities will be allowed to enter the city provided that the driver and one helper will stay onboard while unloading the goods until completed. The driver will be required to deposit his driver's license at the checkpoint and collect it again upon exiting the city.
6. Entry thru Waterways. Entry and exit of persons via/through city's rivers and creeks are absolutely not allowed. Only watercrafts delivering goods to the city will be allowed provided that those people onboard will not disembark. They should coordinate with authorized persons/designated contacts at the docking area to assist them in unloading the goods.

7. For Public Transports within Cotabato City:

- (a) Single motorcycles must have only its driver onboard. Therefore, *habal habal* as means of transportation will not be allowed.
- (b) Jeepneys and other public utility vehicles in the city must only have not more than half of its regular capacity of passengers (one seat apart).
- (c) Local taxis must not have more than four passengers including the driver.
- (d) *Triskad* and *payong payong* must not have more than one passenger.

8. All barangay officials are responsible for monitoring the well-being of their constituents and must implement safety measures to those declared as persons under monitoring (PUM).
9. Citizens who manifest symptoms must be responsible enough to submit themselves for checking and self-quarantine, thereafter.

10. Failure to comply will be facing corresponding disciplinary sanction.

SECTION 3. LAND ENTRY POINTS AND NATIONAL HIGHWAY. The implementation of COVID-19-related guidelines and protocol by the national Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF-COVID-19) at the national highway, including the highway from Delta Bridge 2 to Tamontaka Bridge 2, and the five (5) land entry points of Cotabato City will be the task and responsibility of the Cotabato City Police Office (CCPO) and the Philippine Army, through the Task Force Kutawato. These land entry points are:

- a. Tamontaka Bridge
- b. Tamontaka Bridge 2 (at Barangay Tamontaka 2)
- c. Quirino Bridge
- d. Delta Bridge 1
- e. Delta Bridge 2

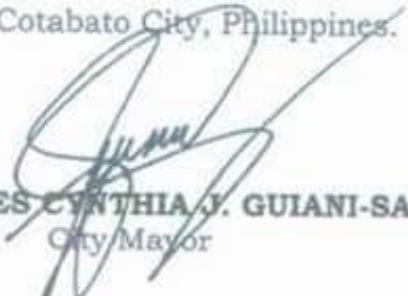
However, a Medical Team will be stationed in the aforementioned land entry points to check the health condition and body temperature of persons passing through it.

SECTION 4. All Punong Barangays are hereby directed to implement this Executive Order within their territorial jurisdiction.

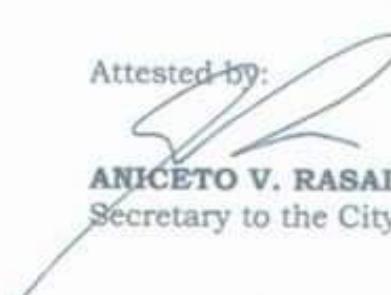
SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Executive Orders previously issued which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed/amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 20th day of March 2020 in Cotabato City, Philippines.


ATTY. FRANCES CYNTHIA J. GUIANI-SAYADI
City Mayor

Attested by:


ANICETO V. RASALAN
Secretary to the City Mayor